

Application No.: 10/674999

Case No.: 58227US002

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 59 are pending. By way of the present amendment, claims 1, 8, 9, 16, 20 and 23 are amended, and claims 7, 27-30, 46-49, 51, 53-55 are canceled. Claims 6, 31, 42, 50 and 52 had been previously cancelled. All the claim amendments incorporate language presented in original claims, and as such are fully supported.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of claim 7, which has been indicated as allowable if re-written in independent form. As such, Applicants submit that claim 1 and all the claims dependent therefrom, namely 2-5, 8-15, 19, 22 and 26 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 16 stands objected to but allowable if re-written to incorporate all the recitations of the claims from which it depends. Claim 16 has been so amended, and as such Applicants submit that claim 16 and its dependent claims 17 and 18 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 20 stands objected to but allowable if re-written to incorporate all the recitations of the claims from which it depends. Claim 20 has been so amended, and as such Applicants submit that claim 20 and its dependent claim 21 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 23 stands objected to but allowable if re-written to incorporate all the recitations of the claims from which it depends. Claim 23 has been so amended, and as such Applicants submit that claim 23 and its dependent claims 24 and 25 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 32-41, 43-45 and 59 stand allowed. Applicants point out that claims 56-58 are also dependent on allowed claim 32, and therefore expect that claims 56-58 are in condition for allowance.

As a result, all of the pending and non-cancelled claims 1-5, 8-26, 32-41, 43-45 and 56-59 are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore submit that the various rejections have been rendered moot, and respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections. Applicants do not acquiesce in the rejections, however, and reserve the right to present claims commensurate in scope with any rejected claim in continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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